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A Merry Christmas to each and every Reader of the Saturday News

NOTE AND COMMENT

Those who indulge in commonplace remarks often tell us that we live in a practical age. The fact is lamented by those whose ideas have been formed in the romantic school, and who have never ceased to hark back to "the good old days" that the story-tellers have glorified. But the well-balanced man and woman should have little doubt that it is by our facing stern realities that the world is gradually becoming a better place to live in. On this page two weeks ago, an article appeared in which reference was made to the progress which had been accomplished by the application of ordinary common-sense and the results of scientific investigation to the problem of intemperance. An evidence of the tendency to approach such questions in this spirit was given the other day at the Conference on Charities and Corrections in Toronto when Rev. Father Minehan spoke upon "The Causes of Poverty." After referring to general shiftlessness, want of education, and drunkenness, Father Minehan went on to say:

"But we ignore the responsibility of parents under the nuptial contract. I have seen in this city little children of a year old physical wrecks. In any contract but that one on which the whole of society rests fitness in the contracting parties to carry out the agreement is required."

"If the law would see that only fit people were married and that they carried out their duties it would cut the main root of poverty."

"When a child becomes a charge upon the community the authorities should find out why. If the parent is to blame, punish him or her so that the example will act as a deterrent."

"The questions of marriage have been neglected, because through all the ages our men of literature have cast a glamour of romance about it and about the things leading up to it. They hide the stern things."

"We need the glow of romance, but we need truth, too. It is not at all to our credit that the unclean play and problem novel have been bringing us face to face with some of the serious things in marriage."

It was a man of wide "practical" acquaintance with life who spoke here. It's all very well to cry out against interference with personal liberty. But we have to resort to this over and over again in the interests of the people at large and why shouldn't we do so, when a policy of laissez-faire brings upon the general community the most intolerable of burdens. Father Minehan has indicated a direction in which very real social reform can be carried out. Much of the talk that has been indulged in of late years about "race suicide" is misleading. We should be more concerned about the quality rather than the number of children who are brought into the world.

It is beginning to look as if Great Britain were apt to have a serious time of it in India. That country is so far away from us and we are so little able to appreciate the problems that its government has to face, that few Canadians realize just what has been transpiring there. An enumeration of some of the outrages that have taken place there in the last eight months will give an idea of the situation. At that a strict censorship has been in force in order to keep quiet news which would tend to produce excitement. Here is a list of some of the principal events:

April 30: Mrs. M. Kennedy and daughter, killed by bomb at Muzafferpore.

May 5: Thirty men arrested at Calcutta for conspiracy to murder English officials, including Viceroy Minto and General Lord Kitchener.

May 16: Attempt to blow up

Calcutta street car load of English people.

May 30: Thirty-two natives arrested at Calcutta for bomb plot.

June 23: Two Englishmen seriously injured by bomb thrown into railway coach near Calcutta.

August 13: Attempt to blow up trainload of Europeans near Calcutta.

August 31: Gossay, native informer, assassinated by anarchist prisoners in Alipor jail.

November 8: Attempt to assassinate Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, Sir Andrew Fraser.

November 10: Native Detective Inspector Nundo Lal Bannerjee, of Bengal, assassinated.

November 14: Queen Victoria's statue at Nagpur mutilated.

November 24: District Police Superintendent Clough of Lahore assassinated.

November 25: Attempt to kill Public Prosecutor Hume with bomb in railway coach at Agarapara.

November 26: Attempt to blow up trainload of Europeans at Barackpur.

The foundation of Lord Morley's plan is the opening of an increased number of high administrative government posts to natives and a slight increase, though not to the extent of a majority, on the Indian council, a body with headquarters at Calcutta, vested with practically no real power but charged with the duty of advising the Secretary of State for India on matters concerning the Indian Empire. He also vaguely promises some form of home rule as the country progresses. The natives demand immediate home rule under practically the same conditions as at present in Canada.

There is no likelihood that this will be granted. All those who know India are agreed that it could precipitate conditions which would turn the clock back several centuries.

Under these circumstances the people at the east have a big responsibility on their hands. How easily the agitation against the Hindus, who have come to British Columbia, which is being constantly urged, might precipitate the Empire into serious trouble was illustrated the other day, when a company of officials endeavored to induce some Hindu citizens of Vancouver to consent to emigrate to British Honduras where conditions it is believed, would suit them better. Part of the account of what transpired, as given by the Vancouver World,

when these officials proceeded to the Sikh temple is worth reproducing. Says the World:

"Mr. Harkin was accompanied by Dr. Munro and Mr. J. H. MacGill, Dominion immigration agents; Mr. W. C. Hopkinson, interpreter; Rev. J. K. Wright, who had worked for years among the Hindus here and in Trinidad; Mr. C. J. Brooke, retired citizen who was born in India and who knows their customs; an official stenographer and press reporters.

"The party was surprised to find that religious services were in progress in the sacred part of the temple, while Teja Singh had appointed himself priest for the afternoon. The Hindoo doorkeeper ordered the officials to remove their shoes and to conduct their business before the Guru' in the sacred part of the building.

"Mr. Harkin expressed no opinion on the request to remove his shoes, but the other members strenuously objected. Mr. Brooke and Mr. Wright, furthermore, strongly counselled Mr. Harkin to refrain from entering, boots or no boots, the sacred part of the temple, explaining that various suspicious

circumstances pointed to a carefully laid plot to entrap the officials to enter before their Guru, which act on the part of the officials would be misrepresented and flashed all over India, as the invasion of a sacred temple by Canadian officials in an attempt to force the Hindus to go to British Honduras. It would set India boiling from end to end," said Mr. Brooke, and Mr. Wright concurred, as also did Dr. Munro, the interpreter, and a couple of others who understood Indian conditions but who were not present in their official capacities. "Such a thing has never been done by the Indian government," said Mr. Brooke.

"Teja Singh sent down word that the business must be transacted in the upper part of the temple. A message was returned through a Hindoo, reminding Teja Singh that the former meeting was held in the lower part of the temple. Later, upon the arrival of Mr. F. E. Knapp, who is a friend of Teja Singh, he was appointed mediator, but without better success. Mr. Knapp strenuously defended Teja Singh's action but afterwards volunteered the opinion that both sides were guilty of playing upon technicalities.

"After waiting an hour and a half on the cold, damp ground in the rear of the temple, arguing and sending messages into the sacred part, the commissioner decided that the Hindus did not want to hear his report and, with the party, walked away. As soon as the officials reached the front of the building their defeat was evidently announced within the temple, for from two hundred throats came two cheers which, according to the opinion of the party, were derisive. The cheers were the usual Guru Nanak Ki-Jai (pronounced Guru Nanak Ke-Ja), and meaning victory for Guru Nanak.)

"The officials had not gone far, however, when they were recalled by a runner. 'We will hear you.' A hurried consultation was held and Mr. Harkin decided that he would give them every opportunity of listening. A return was made, and after waiting fifteen minutes the Hindus and Sikhs flocked into the lower hall and surrounded the commissioner and his party.

"The Sikh Committee will hear the report," said Teja Singh.

"If I read it at all, I will read it to all of you," said Mr. Harkin.

"You are wasting time said Teja Singh. 'We are not now before our Guru and nothing is binding.'

"Don't quibble on technicalities."

"We will listen if you sign your name to a clause in this letter (producing letter) arranging hour of meeting) to the effect that nothing done this afternoon is binding," said Teja Singh.

"That is absurd," said Dr. Munro. "The commissioner merely wishes to read his report and asks you to listen only. You don't have to decide anything."

"The commissioner, however, decided to sign the clause, but Teja Singh then wanted a sentence added 'that the Hindus were really to

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Albertan Mayors for 1909



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JASPER'S NOTE BOOK

A Weekly Tale of Two Cities

The proposal that the street railway line be placed under the control of a commission is an excellent one. The present municipal machinery is kept busy up to the extent of its capacity and street railway administration is something which requires the closest and most expert attention. The system of putting the waterworks under the control of a commission has worked out most successfully in the East. The very best class of men are attracted to such a body and remain members for lengthy terms, giving a most desirable continuity in policy.

Several names have been suggested as possible members of such a board and it is satisfactory to learn that the retiring mayor, Mr. J. A. McDougall, would accept one of the posts. The advantage of having his services in the working out of an enterprise, that he was so largely responsible in launching, can hardly be exaggerated.

One of the members should undoubtedly be the mayor of the city, who would be a commissioner ex-officio. Such a link between the board and the general city administration is an absolute necessity.

The problem which the authorities have to face is not, as some people ventured to predict, to induce sufficient people to use the cars in order to have them pay, but how to accommodate the crowds that want to ride. The city service could stand a large expansion and that between Edmonton and Strathcona is altogether inadequate. At the rush hours there is a fight for seats which takes the old "Hoo Yawker" back to Brooklyn bridge. However, more cars have been ordered and more power will soon be available when conditions will undoubtedly be better. On Saturday last 5,222 passengers were carried.

If you want to receive an eye-opener as to the growth of the city, jump on a car some afternoon and take a ride to Alberta Avenue. Those who were here when the Norwood sub-division was placed on the market three or four years ago will find plenty of food for reminiscence.

In connection with Edmonton's new gas producer plant, it is of interest to note that the plant which was installed recently in Kamloops, B.C., did not give satisfaction. The company from whom it was purchased made investigation and found that Bankhead coal did not suit it. After some negotiation with the municipality, Mr. Frederick Nicholls of Toronto, president of the company from which the purchase was made, arrived in Kamloops and agreed to install a new producer. The additional expense, amounting to \$2,500, is to be met wholly by the company.

The C.P.R. has filed a protest with the railway commission against the crossing of its tracks by the street railway at Strathcona station. They claim that it is not safe and that derailing switches and semaphores should be installed at the expense of the city. There can be no question that these are needed and should be secured without delay. It hardly seems proper to saddle the municipal authorities with the whole of the cost. The line proceeds along a public highway and when traffic reaches a certain volume, the railway should at least bear a share of the cost of protection.

Edmonton has a new chief of police in Mr. R. J. Leane of Montreal, who comes highly recommended. It is to be sincerely hoped (Continued on page 4)

Have you taken advantage yet of the Birthday Offer of the Saturday News, particulars of which appear on page three of this issue?

Christmas Regrets

The dying year is bathed in light
Its race so nearly run,
Winter's white cloak is gleaming bright
Beneath December's sun.
The sky lit by the golden rays
Is purest, fairest, blue.
It's Christmas but it's not the day
My far-off childhood knew.

Signs of good cheer are all around
The children's faces glow,
While gaily ringing echoes the sound
Of sleigh-bells over the snow.
The old wish, in a newer clime,
Is passing to and fro,
It's Christmas, but it's not the time
I watched for long ago.

Old Santa Claus still drives at night
When little children sleep,
And when a chimney comes in sight
Still softly down he'll creep.
Old legends from the East have crossed
Old hymns, old songs, we sing,
It's Christmas but its joys have lost
The charm they used to bring.

In childhood I could hear the peal
Of six good bells and true,
And to my father's door could steal
To hear his "Same to you!"
My stocking then I would explore
Upon his welcome knee,
It's Christmas but there comes no more
My father's voice to me.

In childhood mother's kiss would wake
Her boy to life anew,
I never thought but hearts could ache
Or Christmas joys be few.
Her love, in constant watchfulness,
Would guard me through the day,
It's Christmas, but her sweet caress
Is all too far away.

On Christmas morn to church we went
It's old walls ivy grown,
Care free the joyous hours I spent
Till sleep should claim its own.
The day passed by on angel wings
In lands across the sea,
It's Christmas, but no more it brings
Its message sweet to me.

A. C. G.
Edmonton, Dec. 24, 1908.

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Let me sing the songs of a people
and I care not who make their laws.
In some such fashion the old saying
runs that has done service on no
more high literary occasions. No
one will deny the attractiveness of
the places in the life of the nation
adorned by Nobby White, whom the
people of Victoria recently decided
to send to Ottawa, or by that suc-
cessful advocate of the gospel of
good roads and bridges, Jim Holden,
who represents Vermilion constitu-
ency at Edmonton. But as Wolfe
decried that he would sooner write
certain puns than take Quebec, we
can imagine Messrs White and
Holden as they take up their copies
of last week's *Vergil* or *Observer*
and read with ill-suppressed emo-
tion, the following lines from a
hardy road to travel into the inner
consciousness of the average reader
of *The Lounger*, greater difficulties
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nounced "wur." This led to the
following letter from a reader of the
paper, venturing the explanation,
which is not without interest to us
in this part of the world:

"The other night I went to a dance.
Sir.
In the beautiful town of Mundare,
to see its youth and beauty I had a
chance, Sir.
For I tell you the elite were there.
T'was gone to get your partners for a
grand promenade, Sir.
At seven-thirty the dancing began,
T'was myself that led the parade,
Sir.
With a girl they call big Mary Ann.
For musicians we had twenty Gal-
icians
There were bagpipes, fiddles and
flutes,
Melodians, guitars, harmoniums,
Psaltirs, cymbals and lute.
Bass viols, langois and jewsharps,
And things called ophelchies,
Trombones, triangles and bass drums
And the devil knows what else
besides.

The blare of the loosed orchestra.
Could be heard all over the town.
And when we tackled the Polish
Mazurkas
I tell you the sweat trickled down.
There were Spanish Polkas and Rus-
sian Cotillions
And French Pascales a La Can Can,
But for rippling the light fantastic
There was nothing like my Mary
Ann.

She bounced like an India rubber
dummy
From the floor clean up to the roof.
Some times she landed on my pet
corns.

I say she's a terrible hoof.
The whole of Europe was represented
And some Jews from Bersheba or
Dan.
But Irish, Canucks and Galicians
All were smitten with my Mary Ann
Now Lena looked slim, svelte and
pretty.
And Mary was creme de la creme.
Some swore that the sweet little
Jenny
Would cause Paderewski to dream.
There were girls from Chipman and
Krakow.
Some dresses that looked like a new
crazy quilt,
But I tell you they were up in the
front row
When the laundried blouses began
for to wilt.

Then came the cake walk prize com-
petition.
Just before the orchestra played
"Home, Sweet Home."
I tell you we were in a jaded con-
dition.
But the time was, "No More Boys,
We'll Hoon."
Fred, Harry, Tom, Bob and Sandy
had entered,
But they were classed with the also
ran.

For I tell you all interest was cen-
tered
In myself and My Mary Ann."

"Verify appendix a useful
organ. An important discovery
made by a London doctor."
Several doctors that I know, who
do not live in London, made the dis-
covery long ago.

A Russian millionaire, when on
his death bed, had all his money put
into the form of bank notes. Call-
ing his relations into his room, he
set fire to the pile of bills and con-
gratulated those about him on hav-
ing escaped the evil of wealth. This
is the first case on record of the man
who had money to burn and who
actually burned it. Who knows but
what he owned all the stock in the
bank, whose bills he destroyed?

This newspaper story suggests that
old one of the vintage of the fifties,
which relates to the will of a gen-
tleman of Jewish persuasion. He
stipulated that his three sons should
each deposit one hundred dollars in
his casket. The time came for car-
rying out his wish. The two first
each had a crisp one-hundred dollar
note which was reverently deposited.
The youngest, when his turn came,
put in a cheque for three hundred
dollars and took out the two bills
as change.

Sir Francis Burnand, at one time
editor of *Punch*, recently issued a
book on humor, in the course of
which he cites a number of famous
puns. The most perfect example
of the art he, however, states is the
rejoinder of a man named Talford
to a man named H. J. Byron, both
of whom he supposes the reader to
be acquainted with. With this in-
troduction you expect that the
pun in question will be a side-
splitter. But here it is. Byron met
Talford, muffled up in an over-
coat. "Hello!" he said, "you're
out of sorts. I see you wear an
overcoat." Talford answered "No,
never was."

Did you catch it? I confess I
didn't till after I had read a learned
discussion over it. If this is a pre-
fect pun for Heaven's sake, let the
art be lost! What would you think
of a man who sprang such a rejoinder
on you.
For the benefit of those who
haven't puzzled it out yet, it may
be stated that Talford pretended
that Byron had said he was at
one stage of his existence an
overcoat, in itself a very sensible
remark—an assertion which he
abruptly denied.

But if the "perfect" pun had a
hard road to travel into the inner
consciousness of the average reader
of *The Lounger*, greater difficulties
still were presented to the citizen of
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in this part of the world:

"Sir.—In the Editorial 'An English
Expert on Puns' you speak of the
artificial pronunciation of 'wear' as
'were.' In England the pro-
nunciation of the two words is
identical among those who are sup-
posed to speak correctly. The sound
given to 'were' in the United States
'wur,' is a provincialism in Eng-
land, being common among the
poorly educated in Bristol and other
parts of the 'west of England,' really
the southwest. So Talford's pun
'You were an overcoat' is in no wise
based on a strained pronunciation.
'My good American wife, by the
way, has so often chided me for my
pronunciation of 'were' as 'wear' that
I now frequently say 'wur,' but
in so doing I am always reminded
of early days spent in ancient Bris-
tol. Is there any authority for
'wur'?"

Britisher Born.
Hempstead, L.I., December 13.

Mr. Pierre Lorillard Ronalds, at a
luncheon in New York, narrated his
impressions of the great city that
he has not seen for twenty years.
"New York has now taken her place
among the world's capitals," he said.
"New York is no longer young
and unspoiled. She has now
all the weariness and vice of Paris,
London and Rome. They who still
speak of New York as young, child-
ish, innocent, speak very foolishly.
They remind me of Lord Exe of the
Carlton. Lord Exe at seventy tried
to lead the life of a youth of twenty-
five. He dyed his hair, wore a cor-
set and frequented the music halls.
Piccadilly circus, and the Burlington
arcade. One afternoon, as he drove
from the Carlton in his brougham,
a member said smiling: 'There goes
Exe. He rode me over a whisky and
a just now that he felt as free as a
taxi-cab driver.' Another member
sneered: 'He probably meant a
two-year old egg.' He murmured
that is so."

Quite recently, says London *Ti-
mes*, an Irish member in a street
concerning the housing ques-
tion declared that in Ireland at the pres-
ent time "no fewer than 250,000
people lived in one room. Several
members suggested that "perhaps
the honorable member could provide
the dimensions of the one room
referred to," where a gentleman
went round the House. In the
House some months ago an enthu-
siastic M.P. made reference to the

Boer war and declared "that it was
most unfair to send young men to
the front, where they got shot, and
then expect them to live on sixpence
a day." A certain Welsh member
earned notoriety for himself by
screaming into the ears of an excited
House: "The right honorable mem-
ber knew the well was running dry,
and yet he thought that by setting
to work with a pruning knife to
bring grist to the mill."

ADAM AND EVE.

From the *Pall Mall Gazette*.
What's a woman's fancy? Ask a man.
What if you fancy he will say?
"Airs and graces, frills and laces,
Never knows what she wants each
day!"

Why, then, gossip, tell me true,
Why you woo her—as you do.
Ask a woman. What's a man?
What if you fancy she will say?
"Swag! ring, swearing, over-bear-
ing."
Always wanting to have his way!
Say, then, gossip, if you can,
Why you wed him—horrid man!
Gentle sir, and sweetest madam,
Would you know the reason true
Why to-day you scorn each other
And to-morrow will and do?
Ask your parents Eve and Adam.
They can tell, and—so can you!

LOUNGER



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Extracts from the Rules
Relating to Private Bills

52. All applications for Private
Bills, properly the subject of legis-
lation by the Legislative Assembly
of Alberta, within the purview of
"The British North America Act,
1871," whether for the erection of
a bridge, the making of a railroad,
tramway, turnpike road, tele-
graph or telephone line, the
construction or improvement
of a harbour, canal, lock, dam,
slide, or other like work; the grant-
ing of a right of ferry; the incor-
poration of any particular trade, or
trading, or of any joint stock com-
pany; or otherwise for granting to
any individual or individuals
any exclusive or peculiar
rights or privileges whatever,
or for doing any matter or
thing, which in its operation would
affect the rights or property of
other parties, or relate to any par-
ticular class of the community; or
for making an amendment of a like
nature to any former Act, shall re-
quire a notice, clearly and distinctly
specifying the nature and object
of the application, and where the
application refers to any proposed
work, indicating generally the
location of the work, and signed
by or on behalf of the applicants,
such notice to be published,
during two months, between the
close of the next preceding Session
and the time of the consideration
of the petition, in four issues of *The
Alberta Gazette*, and of one other
newspaper, published in English,
and within two weeks from the first
appearance of such notice in *The
Alberta Gazette* two copies of the
said Bill, with a receipt from the
Provincial Treasurer for the sum of
one hundred dollars, if the said Bill
does not exceed ten pages, and ten
dollars additional for each page over
that number, and for the purposes
of this Rule 52 words shall be held
to constitute a page and also in the
case of a Bill incorporating a com-
pany, a receipt from the Legislator
of Joint Stock Companies for such
sum as would be payable by the
applicant or applicants for the in-
corporation of a company with a
similar capitalization to the capital-
ization of the company sought to be
incorporated by such bill, shall be
placed by the applicant in the hands
of the Clerk of the House, whose
duty it shall be to get the said Bill
printed forthwith. Copies of the
newspapers containing the first and
last insertion of such notice shall
be sent by the parties inserting
such notice to the Clerk of the
House, to be filed amongst the re-
cords of the Committee on Standing
Orders.

TABLE OF FEES TO BE PAID
TO THE REGISTRAR OF
JOINT STOCK COMPANIES
UNDER RULE 52.

(See Cap. 20, 1901.)

For a company whose nominal
capital does not exceed \$10,
\$10,000..... \$10

For a company whose nominal
capital exceeds \$10,000, the above
fee of \$10 with the following addi-
tional fees regulated according to
the amount of nominal capital,
that is to say:

For every \$50,000 of nominal
capital or part of \$50,000 after
the first \$10,000 up to \$25,000 \$5

For every \$5,000 of nominal
capital or part of \$5,000 after
the first \$25,000 up to \$50,000 \$2

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capital or part of \$5,000 after
the first \$50,000..... \$1

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DICKENS IS DEAD.
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"Dickens is dead!" Beneath that grievous cry London seemed shivering in the summer heat. Strangers took up the tale like friends that meet:

"Dickens is dead!" said they, and hurried by. Street-children stopped their games — they knew not why. But some new night seemed darkening down the street.

A girl in rags, staying her way-worn feet. Cried "Dickens dead? Will Father Christmas die?"

City he loved, took courage on thy way? He loves thee still, in all thy joys and fears. Though he whose smile made bright thine eyes of grey.

Though he whose voice, uttering thy burdened years, Made laughter bubble through thy sea of tears. Is gone, Dickens returns on Christmas Day!

THE OLD, OLD WISH
"It is good to be children sometimes," said great-hearted Charles Dickens, "and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty founder was a child, himself."

Once more the impossible stares me in the face. A Christmas article short, bright and to the point, and all of an hour, and it pleases you, to write it in.

I am glad one has the license at this season to be that little child again, spoken of above. Sometimes, in a vain mood I think I am grown very old and very wise, but never at this time. With the nearer and nearer approach of the One Great Day, I throw off a year here and year there until I am no more than a youngster at heart again — eager to be out among the jingling of the sleigh bells, to press my face against the toy-shop windows, to go to bed and dream of jolly old white-whiskered Santa, red of coat and as cheery of heart, to be up and doing anything in the world rather than striving to write of some new phase of this tenderest and merriest day in all the three hundred and sixty-five.

For I think and there will never be anything new to say about it. It will always just be the wonderful night before, with Mary and the wee babe cuddled up close, close to her heart, in that shadowy old cottage, the Wise Men following the Star until it brought them to the place where He lay, and the Sinner Then as we have known it in commemoration: happy family gatherings, gifts, the often unspoken but tender, solemn and loving thoughts that come to life at this time.

Away from the homes of our youth with all their exquisite associations, most of us strangers in a strange land, this feast-day of the Little Child, carries us all back, gives us that common kinship and sympathy that would transform this hard old world into one great happy family, could we carry it into the three hundred and sixty-four, and at least for the time being, makes us more human, children yet again.

And you can't have any fun or enjoyment if you let yourself remain staid and grown-up on Christmas Day in the morning. You've got to hang up your stockings, and carve in mad merriment around the festive tree; you've got to forget you got a business or a worry in the world, to scramble on the floor and set engines going for the boys, and turn picture books for the girls, to get out of yourself, so to speak, and think only of others. It's your only chance for a satisfactory day, you have my word for it, and I don't care where you are, whether at Peace River Crossing or out on some desolate prairie shack, you can, you must find something to Christmas with after this fashion. If you haven't kiddies of your own, poor you! you've got a neighbor who has. Borrow them, beg them, or steal them. Make someone happy, in so doing, you're taking the only means of catching the contagion yourself.

Suppose you're a Restaurateur, facing the music of Christmas Day, without a sou you know or care about within a thousand miles of you. Across the table, another homeless, lonely one sits your and my brother. For any sake for you yourself, give him a "Merry Christmas," before you know it he'll be telling you about "how we used to do at home at Christmas." It will help him "heaps" and somehow you'll see it will help you too.

I know turkey on little white side platters never can nor will taste like the brown crackling bird that Father wrestles with at the head of the

table, that something that's mighty sour a heart ache rises up and nearly strangles you as you remember what was, and think of what is — but as I said before you've just got to forget yourself entirely — if you don't you'll have a heap of misery in one short twenty-four hours.

Whatever you haven't you have life and hope; you are living in a land of great possibilities; you are the sculptor of your own future.

You in your homes I need not picture. Some of you at heavy formal dinners — oh I've eaten them myself. All the relatives old and young that ever could be rounded up. You seated next your hapless girl cousin doing your level best to look as if you were enjoying your self. The youngsters bored to distraction, and the old people a bit tired and weary of their efforts to hold you all together.

Others of you putting in a rollicking day, and still others a sad anxious one.

In all of it, as I told the editor, there is nothing new. I have no fresh message, no new brand of cheer. But I give you the old, old coast and a cheery one.

"Here's to us all! God bless us!" and this old, old wish which is better than any new, "A Merry Christmas to all of you."

I have to thank a friend of mine, "Burness," for an original little Christmas poem, "A Western Child's Lament," which I think you will agree with me is a very pretty rendering of a small child-stranger's thoughts on her first Christmas "out west."

A WESTERN CHILD'S LAMENT.

It was early in the morning
When I sat up to see
If Santa Claus in going round
Left anything for me.

I threw myself upon my bed
And cried in pure despair:
Oh, Mother, take me home again,
'Twas Santa Claus is there.
Then up I got, turned on the light
And peeped round everywhere
And then I found, to my surprise,
He'd left them on a chair.

There was my doll, just dressed like
— Burness.

And loads of things besides;
And now I know, where e'er I go,
Dear Santa Claus resides
— Burness.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pagan of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con
— A Stander-By

Announcement was made last week in Toronto of the engagement of Senator George A. Cox to Miss Irene Stirling, eldest daughter of Walter S. Stirling of the city treasurer's department. The wedding will take place in March.

The first annual ball held by the Old-Timers of Calgary last week in Sherman's auditorium proved a notable event. The guests were received by Colonel and Mrs. Walker. Among the features of the programme were the Red River jig, well-remembered by Edmontonians who were present at the "Hallowe'en" dance two years ago, an eight hand reel, and a set of lineers, in which only those born in Alberta participated. From the account of the Albertan I take the following description of some of the costumes: Mrs. Walker, a handsome gown of white satin and carrying a beautiful bouquet of white and pink roses, lily of the valley and Alabama smilax; Mrs. Col. Steele, apple green brocade satin costume, prettily trimmed with velvet and lace. This gown was appropriate to the occasion, being a Parisian gown of 1846 and presented to Mrs. Steele in 1880.

Mrs. Scott Dawson looking lovely in a blue satin empire gown; Mrs. A. M. Grogan looked exceptionally well in a magnificent gown of Russian lace over black silk chiffon. Her coiffure was very becoming; Mrs. Wendell Maclean wore dark rose silk with velvet and lace trimmings; Mrs. J. Burns, with her usual stately bearing, looked lovely in a sequin gown over blue satin; Mrs. P. J. Nolan was handsomely gowned in an empire costume of black panne velvet; Mrs. Green, in a sequin gown over yellow satin; Mrs. Loughheed looked charming in an elaborate gown of white silk embroidered with rich ecru trimming.

Hon. Frank Oliver and Mrs. Oliver were present at a dinner party given in honor of Premier (Rutherford and Attorney-General Cross of Alberta. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foster, Mr. Seizuro Shimizu, Japanese Consul-General, and Mrs. Shimizu, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. E. Harris and Mrs. J. J. Anderson, Edmonton. Ottawa Free Press.

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JASPER'S NOTE BOOK

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he will be given a proper chance to show what he can do. The application of the commission idea to the police force as well as the street railway would prove of decided benefit. The system by which the mayor, the police magistrate and the county judge act as commissioners in eastern cities has worked out satisfactorily. Wherever adopted it has led to general efficiency and a cessation of the perennial rows over the police force that are so distinctive a feature of village politics.

The step taken by the Edmonton council this week in extending the gas franchise of the International Heating and Lighting Co. is difficult to understand. There is serious doubt as to the legality of the action taken. The franchise having been submitted to the people in the first place, the council has no right to alter the terms of the letter of the charter that, after the company failed to live up to its agreement, the people should be again consulted before the agreement could be put in force. Another company made an offer by which cheaper gas could be obtained. Why should not advantage be taken of the situation, created by the failure of the first to comply with the city's terms, to secure a better bargain. The reason given by the majority of the council for their action was that the financial stringency had intervened and that the International people should therefore be treated with consideration. The plea is a remarkable one. Whose interests are they representing in the council, the city's or the company's? We thought they were elected to drive as good a bargain for the city as was possible under such circumstances. Ald. Fraser, Agar and McInnis deserve credit for standing out against the course of the majority of their colleagues.

The people of Strathcona on election day decided by a large majority in favor of the site at the corner of Whyte Avenue and First street for the new post office. Five hundred votes were cast for that location. For that selected by the city council, at the corner of Main street and First, there were only sixty-eight. All of which doesn't indicate that the council is very representative of public sentiment. A month or so ago it turned down the proposals looking for a union of the two cities, though the suggestion that the question be taken up had come from leading people on the south bank. Did they speak for the people of Strathcona on this question any more than they did for them on that of the post office site?

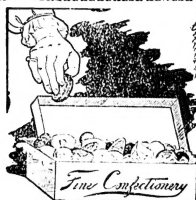
A provisional school of infantry instruction for the regiment being formed in Edmonton and Strathcona, to be known as the 101st Fusiliers, will be held during the six weeks following January 4th by Capt. Mackie, B.S.O. No military organization has ever started out with better prospects. In addition to the officers already announced, the following will be gazetted: Paymaster (honorary captain), Henry Barrington Round; Quartermaster (honorary captain), George Alexander Reid; Medical Officer (Prov. lieutenant), James Lyons Biggar; Chaplain (honorary captain), David George McQueen; Lieutenants, Alistair Campbell Gillespie, Howard Fleckson Whitaker, Henry Baldwin Stratt, Antoine Gaudet, Charles de Lotbiniere Harwood, Victor Charles Mulvey, Clarence Kells Flint, Charles Percy Almer Keffer, Arthur Ernest Hutton, Andrew Hugh Menzies, William Ernest Lines, Kenneth Bruce Mackenzie, Frank Lindsay Bradburn, Robert Hanna Stewart, Henry Ward Moffat, James Wylis Morris, Eric Leander Crumb, Ronald John Macdonald, Richard Lewis Grigg. Many of the officers had South African experience and the indications are that the non-coms. will be quite as strong a body of men. Lieut.-Col. Edwards is to be congratulated on the way in which the enterprise is working out.

The popularity of Mr. J. R. Boyle M.P. with his constituents out in Sturgeon was in evidence on Friday of last week, when a complimentary banquet was tendered to him at Nanaimo, about one hundred and fifty representative farmers being present. Among those who joined in paying tribute to Mr. Boyle were Hon. W. H. Cushing and Mr. W. H. White M.P.

The Toronto Monetary Times contains an account of a presentation to Mr. Anderson, the new manager of the Traders' Bank at Edmonton, of an address and smoking outfit by the Board of Trade of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., where he has been in a tip up to the present.

Among the visitors to this part of Alberta during the present week was M. Louis Charbono of Versailles, France, a prominent capitalist, who is looking over the country with a view to adding French investors.

As a fellow-contributor to the Saturday News, I must refer to an honor done a member of the staff of this paper during the past week,



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which I am afraid will not be mentioned elsewhere and which should not be overlooked. At the annual convention of the Women's Press Club of Canada, held in Winnipeg, Mrs. Bulmer Watt was elected vice-president of that organization. As all will agree who have had the privilege of following her work and who have noted the place which she has made for herself in her profession, the distinction is fully merited. The people of this province and this city, with the charm of life in which Mrs. Watt has done so much to make the outside world familiar, should take out of the recognition thus given her the greatest satisfaction.

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We Wish all a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

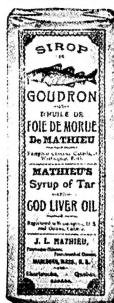
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What the Cultivation of Flowers can do for Alberta.

Some Suggestions to Amateur Gardeners.
By R. N. BARKER

Flower gardening is young in some parts of Alberta, especially in the drier portions or windy parts; but if we can stir up some interest in flower gardening surely it should pay us to take counsel with each other and exchange experiences. Of course expert horticulturists and those who have green houses are not in our category; but the study of hardy flowers for every-day folks require to be pushed and only experiments can tell us which flowers do best in our locality, give the best results and pay us the best for our trouble expended. I confess I am mostly writing this hoping to extract some experiences and gain some valuable hints from others.

The average rainfall in this locality is, we may say, about 18 inches, but as a government gauge has only been used for about two years it may turn out to be higher. Our altitude is 3800 feet above sea level, which is quite a consideration in choosing flowers for outside that will be sure to prosper, for as we go west and rise into higher ground we find plants running regularly in their zones and as we go higher on the Rockies we find the flora quite different to those of the plains. The

flowers of the foothills may be in many cases found at higher altitudes; but in most cases they are later in blooming. Seeing that our native flowers are best under conditions to which they find themselves best adapted, so it seems we shall be cutting corners if we seek flowers that fit in best with our own conditions locally and find their right zone. Wind is one of our chiefest burglars, as it dries the ground, bruises the leaves and stunts the growth. From this point of view wind can be controlled by wind breaks it seems that the main consideration in selecting seeds to sow outside, is to find those especially that will germinate at a low temperature early in spring and come bounding along whenever conditions are favorable to growth, or can take care of themselves in between times when a cold snap would nip a delicate sort.

SEED TEMPERATURES

It is not necessary to tell old hands about seed temperatures, or temperatures which seeds will germinate, but novices are not aware that where some seeds will germinate in the open when the thermometer registers 50 or even 50 degrees; with a warmer sun till the thermometer goes up to 70 degrees or over, and these latter will wait till conditions suit them. So that when we speak of seeds germinating at a low temperature we mean seeds that come up and grow early in spring when the thermometer is not rising high and when seeds that require a higher temperature will not come up at all or are waiting for the higher temperature. Another point worth considering is how are seeds good, or how long can they safely be kept before planting. We take French seed if we can get it, but, as a rule, it is only safe to plant small on the smaller seeds if they have been kept any length of time. The larger the seed as a rule the quicker it deteriorates and big seeds that have been kept some time are not much good.

In speaking of flower growing in the different zones it may be as well to tell the beginner that certain plants are adapted to certain elevations, above sea level, or to certain zones. The first zone or belt being suited to certain flowers and plants, and the second or third and so on, as we rise in elevation, to certain other plants growing in their zones but not in other zones, and it is in order to find plants the best adapted to our particular condition that we must experiment in a new country. When fitted as to condition plants will do well if well attended to.

MUSI BE A PLANT LOVER
Many old countrymen may have to learn much of their gardening over again; but if they love their plants as most of them do, they should succeed. Plants will not grow for those who do not love them and we are inclined to think success means a case of mutual love or respect. So it is only to real plant lovers that my few crude remarks apply, and I confess to trying to lure others on to relate their experiences.

By making flat, positive statements we may draw out argument. So to jump into icy water at once, at the risk of contradiction, the statement is now made that English seeds do well in this locality. Not better possibly than Canadian seeds, but English seeds of hardy flowers germinate freely, so if friends from home send you some, sow them, but not as early as you would at home for the growing time in North America is after the first of June. Falls are much finer here than in England, so there is no comparison between conditions; but the first springs, especially in the south of England, have our northern part of North America beaten to a frazzle as regards flower growing out of doors. Some who emigrated early in life have learned to start our out door garden later, much later in the year, the main vegetable crops being sown about June 1st or 2nd, and thus missing most of the bad weather and the cut worms, which latter are going into another state of their existence about that time.

THE CUT WORM

We should not be rash as to statements, but observations lead one to believe that cut worms are not as plentiful in Carleton as they were 20 years ago when we turned over the virgin prairie, covered with a heavy mat of thick grass and deep soft vegetable mould. Assertions regarding the second and third year of cultivation. However, we in the south have never probably suffered as much from cut worms as our northern friends.

PANSIES AND STOCKS

Those who have gardened north and south near the tropics will say to the beginners truthfully that trying to force plants to grow in places they do not like is as futile as the efforts of the Mad Hatter to force the Dormouse into the teapot, and under our conditions, that quite hardy plants give us the most pleasure and are the most continuous and free bloomers. The pansy up to now, with us, has been standing preeminent as the one variety that blooms longer, more freely and is more indifferent to changes of climate.

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Gardening in Alberta

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than perhaps any of our common garden flowers. But the pansy even shines at too much heat on a southern exposure, and with a house facing south, with pansies all around, we find those on the east and north doing the best, blooming longer and more profusely than any flower besides requiring less care and cultivation than most of our friends.

Next to the pansy for satisfactory results might come stocks, for if an early snowstorm strikes them they are still and erect, and do not so often go down under pressure of snow, and, as the chinook rots away the snow, our stocks peep out as chipper as ever and go on blooming as though nothing had happened. Stock seed, like pansy seed, germinates at a low temperature and does not require forcing, so suits our rather variable climate.

POPPIES AND MIGNONETTES

We can put our poppy seed in in good time and all poppies seem to do well, double, singles, Shirley's, Californians and Irelands, the latter the most satisfactory of all for the Iceland gives us the first flowers early in spring and cold or variable weather is no discouragement, so to use another ponderous expression the Iceland poppy is "incomparably adapted to our varying condition" and can be obtained in several different colors, and, better still, is perennial.

Mignonette grows with us as though it had been made specially for us, and so does Sweet Alyssum. First digging up the ground in the spring gives us a fresh crop of mignonette for it seeds profusely. Personally I have not dabbled with bulbs much out in the open, but

must confess that the gladiolus is a great success in the wind or out of it, and lovely blooms come along in late summer and during the fall, the only fault to be found with ours being that we have not planted enough of them. The bulbs are so easily taken up in the autumn, and, when hung in some quiet and spare place for the winter are ready for business again in the spring, the extra ones that sprouted from the old plant being planted separately.

A FEW IMPORTANT HINTS

Gladiolus require little or no attention when once set out and are easy to keep clear of weeds, and, if the ground is cultivated deeply and well manured, will not suffer from drought or dry weather. Here we must confess we like our ground rich and use lots of manure, solid and liquid, to bring plants along in our rather short summer. If the growth of green stem to profuse the liquid dressing and the plant most probably goes in to bloom. Before going further it may also be said that good generous flower borders give better results than little contracted beds or small dabbles of earth a few feet in extent. A good wide border deeply dug and well manured can be planted thickly with flowers, the colors massed; and with generous treatment the flowers cover the ground and exclude weeds. They cover their ground and retain the moisture by excluding the baking sun and drying wind. When growing flowers the writer likes plenty of each and masses of them. So if the church requires a clothes basket full for Sunday it may be taken without the patches looking picked or moth eaten. Taking the flowers off when in full bloom stops them going to seed and preserves the plant which can go on blooming. The blooming will continue with our hardy varieties if the nourishment is continuously applied and the lover of the flower looks after them and does not let them mature seed too early in their career. A glance over the garden in the early morning should tell the caretaker whether any plant wants something for the partially practical eye will tell if Mr. or Mrs. Plant is hungry or thirsty and get them what they want at once and like the tired cab horse to which the London caddy gives a quart of good ale when he requires it, they will go on again most profitably and prosper.

THE CHARM OF A FLOWER
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to think that we can take little tiny brown pellets, sent often in an envelope many thousands of miles, and sow them under proper conditions and produce lovely specimens of the finest varieties of nature's chief ornaments. A really perfect and brilliant bloom is a study that may occupy us for hours, and, unless we look closely at it we miss 95 per cent of its perfection.

HOLLYHOCKS AND SUNFLOWERS

Going on with our suitable varieties of hardy flowers we come to the holly hocks. Now don't say you can not have flowers, for if given any show at all, a holly hock will grow. It takes two years to carry most varieties to perfection, but there are now sorts that bloom the first year for seed and they will do this in Alberta.

Sunflowers, like the poor, ye can have always, and they need a good deal of discouragement when well started. The Russian is now much used for chicken feed and with its height, size of leaf and large head makes a grand plant for the garden. If planted by the acre it is both useful and very ornamental. Why not have an acre or two near the house and combine utility and beauty as well as feed the chickens, ducks and geese. Hoses also greatly like a good feed of sunflower seed. An acre of sunflowers well handled is said to yield about 50 bushels of rich food.

Oh, but now we are going off into the realm of poultry farming. Yet because a thing is beautiful it is no reason why it should not be useful as well and flowers led us off at this tangent. I must confess I have had as much as three acres in sunflowers at a time and have known others that went as high as 15 and 20 acres. A mass like this in full bloom is a grand sight.

The globe of gold or some smaller variety, however, makes a better variety for smaller gardens, flowering longer and yielding more blooms. The perennial variety is still better and blooms steadily for some months yielding an abundance of cut flowers for the house and coming up every year of its own accord from the roots. A small root if not kept from travelling soon spreads out of reason. Perennials, however, we must deal with later.

PINKS AND NASTURTIUMS

A plant nearly forgotten that is most reliable is the pink, which can be left in its place in the garden the year round, going into a dormant state in the fall and reappearing with spring showers and warm sun to bloom all summer. Carnations they tell me are grown profusely at Magrath and are hardy out of doors the year round; but these I have not out through a winter in the open yet. Perhaps some other gardener can tell us more.

One of our stand-bys and one that never fails us is the nasturtium. Thoroughly at home indoors and out in its season it can not be dispensed with, because generous in growth and generous in flower. Last year we had seed of the Nasturtium tribe from Britain, New York and Eastern Canada. But we stick to the climbers as grander, richer, bolder in growth and more prolific in bloom. Some plants grown from Carter's seeds gave us a profusion of blooms of a rich vermilion color, more brilliant than any we had yet seen. When fat is drawing on us we place a big box in a bow window, and using lots of earth which should be rich, we prepare for winter flowers.

Putting a few seeds of the giant climbing sort in this box we await the coming up and then select two or three of most vigorous growth, cutting down later to two or sometimes one plant. This, if well taken care of, will soon commence running and soon covers the whole window, running up and down in all directions and throwing out crop after crop of blooms, an oasis in the desert of a prairie home, giving us green and flowers at the most dismal time of the year. We are thus seldom without a fine growth of Nasturtiums in the parlor, they must be kept away from the window in very cold weather unless double windows are used, and this can be done by running them up on a wire mesh which is soon hidden. With nasturtiums in the house in winter we have, so far, obtained the most greenery with less trouble and more blooms than with any other plant tried, and they stand life in a living room to perfection.

Another flower that has been very successful with us under similar conditions is the veronica. but it does not fill up so much space. Secret William is a handy plant here but slow in growth and seems to be just ready to think about blooming when the summer is over, and, like the cow's tail, is usually behind.

Hardy chrysanthemums can be grown from seed and come up again year after year. Although the delphinium is described as a hardy perennial in the seed catalogue we have not had much success with those grown from nursery seed, but the native varieties in the coulees and out on the prairie do splendidly, so possibly it may pay better to look after and develop our natives though they may shy at garden conditions. Godetias are a success in this climate grown from seed and so are marigolds.

(To be continued next week)



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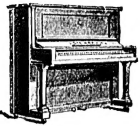
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When Madame Albani sang in Edmonton between two and three years ago, the Saturday News expressed the opinion, regretfully, that the once great soprano was then travelling on her reputation and that her singing was not an artistic success. Because it stated what appeared to it to be a fact very baldly, this paper was somewhat severely criticized at the time by some who declared that the diva's voice was to them still a thing of rare beauty. But the English papers now inform us that Albani is singing in the London music-halls. Imagine her doing so, if she had not fallen far from her former estate. What a great pity that gifted woman like Albani and Patti and others insist on staying before the public long years after it is possible for them to retain the freshness and vigor of youth, qualities without which no singer can thrill an audience.

At the Edmonton Opera House this week the Stoddart Stock company is playing to large and well-pleased audiences. On the first two nights, the well-known drama "Tom Moore," which centres around the life of Ireland's beloved poet, was given with Mr. W. L. Stewart, an actor of considerable ability in the title role. Miss Leah Stoddart played the part of Bessie Dyke, the Irish schoolmistress, who eventually became a Drury Lane star and who exerted such an influence on the poet's fortunes. The support was on the whole good. Special mention is due the work of Miss Adelaide Sears who had the double role of Lady Fitz Herbert and Mrs. Malone. The specialties between the acts were some of them good in their way and certainly pleased the audience, though hardly in keeping with the play itself.

The company continues its engagement the rest of the week and next, the plays being put on being announced in another column.

"TOWN AND TRAIL"

Some Flattering Press Notices of an Alberta Woman's Work.

(Mrs. Arthur Murphy in Winnipeg Telegram.)
Tut! Where's the use of trying to pin "Peggy" down to paper? Of course her sketches are clever, spontaneous, and all that, and when made up into a book like "Town and Trail" are still less a book than a flower—any kind of a flower you like, only it must be made out of soil and sun, breeze and rain.

What I am driving at is this: Those of the "few elect" who see Peggy every day or so, on the links or rinks, miss from the written page the magnetism—or to use the very latest psychological term, the "personal vibrancy"—of her very delightful and wholly attractive self.

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It was Balzac who said no wonder man couldn't understand a woman, seeing God who created her, failed to do so.

Ah well! all said and done, don't miss "Town and Trail," its wise, witty and western from tip to tail.

(Innissall Province.)

"Town and Trail," a collection of short articles by Mrs. Gertrude Balmer Watt, of Edmonton, is full of interest from cover to cover. Mrs. Watt, who is well known through her articles in the Saturday News, has published the booklet with a laudable intention—making the West and its ways better known, and wherever the little book goes its readers will get a better insight into western life and western people.



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By Charles Lewis Shaw, in Winnipeg Telegram

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"Mr. Sandon was ails sort of human like the heart of a boy and the brain and make-up of a man an engineer in a thousand," said Old Glenzary, the foreman of one of Big Rorie McLean's rock gangs, when the news came in. "One couldn't fix and he couldn't fool, as soft-hearted as a girl kid and as bull-headed as an ox when his mind was made up. Section B, boss and man, all miss him, from Whitemouth to the Height of land."

And the men of McLean's Camp No. 2 sat one Saturday evening late in December, 1981 awaiting the passing of the young civil engineer whom they knew as one of the kindest of champions.

These were the penurious days of the beginning of railroad building in Western Canada, days when man's primal virtues and vices were very much in evidence and the power of the railroad contractor and his henchmen in the remoteness from civilization was mediaevally baronial.

"He can't last much longer now," whispered one of the giants seated or reclining about the glowing campfire that occupied the center of the shanty, and which had been built according to the ideal of the lumber woods of the Upper Ottawa. "That sleep of his 'n means a sleep 'n death, he'll go off and we won't know it. Pity to see a feller like Mr. Sandon go off out here in a God-forsaken country like this and not let it to wipe his shoes stalling round that a kag of black powder wouldn't blow out."

In a situation where almost every man from the omnipotent contractor to the much-worried cook, was known by his abbreviated Christian or a descriptive nickname, the young engineer lying sick unto death in the lower bunk at the furthest corner of the shanty was the only man on over a hundred miles of railway construction work whose name was ever prefaced with "Mr." There was a restrained dignity in Sandon's off-hand good-fellowship, a self-respecting reticence of manner in his most jovial moods and a consideration for others that had the retractive effect of obtaining respect from the most reckless and rebellious of the railroad builders that he met in the discharge of his duties or in the social life of the camps.

"Pity we can't get hold of a doctor for what ails him beats every man along the line. Word has been passed along into Winnipeg for one but he'll be too late." And as if to corroborate the statement there was a gasp of surprise from the bunk side and the camp clerk drawing over the white face of the young engineer came into the midst of the group of quiet men and said:

"He's gone, boys. Died without a word or a move."

There was tense silence for a few minutes which was broken by the door being thrown violently open and a blizzard of snow and Billy Lloyd, the whisky smuggler of the line of camps of Section B, swept into the room of death.

"Ello, boys," he shouted in the clear-cut, well-known Cockney voice that pierced above the moaning of the wind and the crashing of the storm-swept forest about them. "Wat's 'n?" he said in a quiet tone as he noticed the look of gloom on the strong, bearded faces lit up by the flickering fire of the camp-burner. A muttered sentence told him.

"S'elp me!" he muttered through teeth that were clenched to restrain any sign of emotion. "S'elp me. E of h'all men."

And they sat far into the night and considered what was best to be done, what would have been his wishes if they could have known and what would be the probable desire of his people in Eastern Canada.

"Soisy I aites to suggest it," said Lloyd as the fruitlessness of the discussion became apparent, "but we'y not find h'out 'is 'ome in the h-East from 'is letters and maybe there m'y be something in the letters that will 'elp us h'out."

There was, and when the clerk read out, "You say, my dear son, that you are not feeling well. If you are ill, come to me. You have shown your loyalty to your employers strongly enough as it is. The thought of you lying ill, my son, in that dreadful country and it may be lying down to the last long sleep in its loneliness, terrifies me. You will come, my son, you will come. Now that your father has gone you are all I have."

other's faces in doubt. "We've got to take 'im 'ome after that." Nearly half a thousand miles of snow-bound wilderness, mountains, rivers and lakes, with a chain of construction camps extended into the wilderness for a hundred miles at either end were between the camp and eastern communication. Indian runners and occasional engineer and supply parties only traversed the great gauges between the scenes of railway construction at both extremities. There were three hundred miles of unpeopled wilderness and trail that the storms of the month had rendered undistinguishable except to the most skilled and daring of pathfinders between McLean's camp and Port Arthur. And the look that every man bent upon Billy Lloyd had only one meaning. The young whisky trader who was the man who knew the trail and the one man who would dare its dangers.

"I'll do it," he said quickly and in half an hour every man in the camp was asleep.

The blizzard of the night passed with the coming of day and before the sun had risen above the high banks of the eastern shore of Hawk Lake everything was in readiness for Billy Lloyd's departure with his awful burden on his dog sleigh.

"No, I can't take the dogs," said Lloyd as he arranged the deadkin things into a species of harness for his shoulders. "You know those 'usks and you know they couldn't be trusted on this trip," and the interrogator shuddered.

There was no cheer as he sped on on his snowshoes on his long journey. A wave of the arms before he disappeared down the steep decline to the ice-bound lake and they watched the little moving speck on its white expanse until it disappeared in a jutting point of timbered land.

"Billy Lloyd will do it or there will be two skeletons found close together some time or other," said Old Glenzary. "Those little square-built Englishmen when they're 'n right they're 'n right." Billy Lloyd is now William Lloyd, proprietor and manager of one of the big hotels on the Yukon. Despite his present, for he was born in London, he was of Welsh descent and in the Celtic spirit of adventure was forever seeking the stepping off places of life's trails. He had been a ship's boy on a Greenock whaler in the Behring seas, a sailor in a pearl-fishing schooner in the South Seas, a miner in Australia and a roanabout

along the water fronts of the cities of the Atlantic seaboard in North America. He had drifted westward with the beginning of the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway and despite the penalties of the Public Works act against selling liquor along the line of construction had succeeded, not only in obtaining the position of contractor and men by his good nature, his indomitable pluck, his audacity and his ability as a trader, but he had inherited the best of the old-time spirit of song, of being the stanchest of comrades in their room or on the trail.

Lloyd knew Billy Lloyd, for neither of us is hard to know in those free and easy days of the early west. We met in Edmonton, then a small, scattered settlement of ex-fur traders, Canadian stock-keepers and Scotch half-breds that had congregated in the shadow of Fort Edmonton.

He never gave the complete story of that trip from McLean's camp to Prince Arthur's Landing, but at times when some of us younger world wanderers would gather about the fire-place on some long winter night as Christmas was approaching he would become reminiscent and let fall some incident, some detail, some adventure of that weird journey of years before. He never told it as a narrative. We picked it up in pieces clear cut, well-rounded and shimmering pieces every piece with its essentials and attributes of a good short story in itself, a succession of emotions, incidents, pathos and tragedy, a journey through the loneliness of a suried world. The battle with a blizzard on the featureless surface of a frozen lake, the howling of a wolf pack as it tirelessly followed the trail of the sled through the spruce woods for a night and a day, the hours of dreadful anxiety when the trail was lost, the struggle over fallen trees, the difficulties of the ascent and descent of gorges and gullies, the loneliness that comes from a great journey on snowshoes to even the most expert and hardy were told during that winter in Edmonton when Lloyd and I were friends, as casual incidents that some passing mood or affair recalled for the moment.

We were talking one night as Christmas was drawing nigh, this battle of world wanderers in the little northern settlement on the Saskatchewan, of the strange Christmas days that some of us had spent in stranger lands. It was then that we heard how Billy Lloyd had spent Christmas Day, 1981 on his strange journey from McLean's camp with the body of Mr. Sandon to Port Arthur, or as it was generally known in those days, Prince Arthur's Landing.

Christmas week in the year 1981 west of the great lakes had been the severest that had been experienced for many years. For the settlers

who had been influenced by the prospective completion of the Canadian Pacific railway and the newly acquired knowledge of the agricultural possibilities of Western Canada and had flocked into the country during the year through the United States, that winter was a trying one. The Yukide was stormy, the storm area extending from the great lakes westward beyond the boundaries of the young province of Manitoba and its pathway seemed to be the prospective route of Canada's national highway. Work had to be practically suspended in the tie camps and rock cuts of railway construction along Section B, one of the greatest divisions of the work of railway building. And it may easily be imagined how frequent was the complaint and how anxious were the minds of those of McLean's camp No. 2 in the pauses of the hard game or in the long silences of the drawn-out evenings as to the safety of Billy Lloyd on his trip to Port Arthur.

It was Christmas morning, the third day out from McLean's camp, Lloyd had had a terrible time the day before in crossing a lake where the full sweep of the snow-laden wind could catch him fairly in the face. He had suffered much during the afternoon from malade de mer, and the tensions of his legs and feet were swollen and excruciatingly painful. He had pressed on. The amount of food he had with him was only sufficient for a limited number of days and the continuous blizzard was unusual. At last wearied to exhaustion and suffering the most painful of illnesses that only the snow-shoes know, he had dragged himself and his sled towards a wooded point on the lake shore and made camp.

The nervous strain as well as the physical fatigue had already begun to tell on Lloyd and he knew it. A day's rest after his three-day's battle with the storm was necessary if he did not purpose taking the long trail to another world. There were several hundred miles yet to cover. He must husband his strength. His weary body craved for something more than the salt pork and frozen ham and tea on which he had lived almost entirely for weeks. He knew too much to partake of the small keg of contraband whiskey that was concealed under the blankets enclosing the body of the young engineer. The work ahead was too strenuous, too prolonged to be affected by stimulants in any other way than to the disadvantage of him who partook of them.

The camp was in a gully sheltered by high rocks and thickly growing spruce. Lloyd had swept aside the deep snow with one of his snowshoes until he was virtually in a pit, with the sled and his burden drawn up beside the wall of snow.

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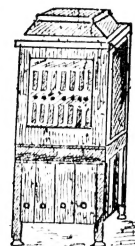
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Home and Society.

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On Friday evening of last week several hundred people availed themselves of the hospitality of Alberta College, following an excellent recital by the pupils in McDougall church. The guests were received in the principal's apartments by Dr. and Mrs. Riddell, and representatives of the staff and of the students. The decorations for the occasion were much admired, the college colors predominating. All connected with this institution, of their interest in which the citizens are never lacking in giving evidence, were most attentive to the guests and the evening throughout proved a most enjoyable one.

Mrs. B. J. Saunders is expected back in Edmonton early in the New Year.

Madame Delavault has returned to France for a visit to her old home.

Dr. Martin Murphy has leased Mr. and Mrs. Delavault's home for the time being.

The reception in honor of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker at Fort Saskatchewan on Friday evening last was largely attended, being preceded by a banquet at the Queen's Hotel. Many gifts were made to the guests of the occasion, including a gold watch from American relatives, a gold chain and locket, from the sons, and a purse of gold from the grand-children. Many warm tributes were paid by old friends to Mr. and Mrs. Walker's worth. Fol-

lowing the reception a dance was held, the bride and groom of fifty years having a place in the quadrille of honor. As noted a week ago, they have been residents of Alberta for twenty-six years, being the first white settlers in the Beaver Lake district. To such pioneers too much honor cannot be done.

The first match of the Edmonton Ladies' Curling Club will take place at the Curling rink on December 31st at three o'clock sharp, to be followed by a tea, given by the President, Mrs. Barnes, and Vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Murphy, and to which all the members of the Edmonton Curling Club, (by which is of course meant the men's club and the friends of the Ladies' Club) are cordially invited. While there are not so many active lady curlers at present as last year, those who are going in for the game have shown so decided an interest that some goodplay may be anticipated.

On Thursday a prize offered by Mrs. Arthur Murphy will be competed for, and on every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the future, Club Days, further trophies will be offered.

Mrs. Murray of Montreal is the latest acquisition to the Club, and is a great enthusiast, having participated in several Bonspiels.

Mrs. Pardee was the hostess of a charming little children's Christmas party, given for her small son, on Tuesday afternoon, when there was a fine array of youth and beauty, in the guests of the occasion, including Foster Brown's to long friends, all of whom behaved quite beautifully to their several mothers' edification. To cap it all there was a splendid Christmas tree, with a real live Santa Claus, and gifts for every littlest boy and girl.

Miss Hughes, the secretary of the Edmonton Ladies' Press Club, is entertaining the club and a very few friends to tea on Saturday afternoon.

I had intended to announce that Mr. and Mrs. R. Hardisty had returned from their wedding trip in last week's issue, but the item slipped my mind. I believe they have taken a house at the foot of the hill on the east side of Fifth street.

Mrs. St. George Jellett was the hostess of a merry tea for the younger set, in honor of her niece, Miss Barker, on Friday afternoon last, when the guest of honor rendered some vocal solos in fine voice and Mr. Nash added some violin numbers to the enjoyment of the tea hour. A number of men dropped in late in the afternoon in time to enjoy both tea and the musical part of the programme, an innovation only rare in Edmonton.

PEGGY

Note and Comment

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receive the report at two o'clock but the commissioner refused to present it.

"This request was flatly refused. The argument, waged hotter and hotter, with Dr. Munro vigorously defending the commissioner and Teja Singh strenuously fighting on what Dr. Munro called 'technicalities'.

"Just as Mr. Harkin was again about to speak Teja Singh, in a burst of eloquence, started out on a lengthy speech and kept going. No one could then get in a word until Dr. Munro flashed his hand in front of the priest's face and in loud,

commanding tones heard all through the temple cried, "Stop, stop, the commissioner wishes to give you his decision in the matter."

"You shall not speak to me like that; not here nor anywhere else," said Teja Singh angrily, and a babel of voices in English and Hindoo called out "No, no," and an uproar immediately followed.

"The prompt action of Mr. Harkin in appeasing Teja Singh who in turn quelled the derisive howls of the infuriated Hindoos, alone saved the situation from becoming really serious.

"Much more argument was indulged in, then the commissioner put out his hand to Teja Singh who mechanically grasped it. "Good-bye," said Mr. Harkin. "I see we can't agree."

"Good-bye," said Teja Singh. "I'm always glad to meet a gentleman," which was a little dig intended for Dr. Munro. Then, led by Mr. Harkin and the doctor, the party filed out between two rows of sullen Sikhs and Hindoos."

It is easy to understand why British Columbia does not want such citizens and certainly every effort should be made to induce them to make their home elsewhere and to keep members of their race from coming to Canada. But till some satisfactory solution can be arrived at, it is the duty of the people of the coast province to act with the greatest moderation. Canadians haven't done so much for the Empire which has done a great deal for us, that we cannot well afford to stand the sake of making the tremendous burden which the home government is carrying as easy as possible.

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So he steeled his nerve, and he learned to speak The language of those who boldly seek To bring new thrills to the public mind. By methods sturdier than refined, The selfsame story he simply told: They shuddered and said he was rudely bold, "But it's art!" he cried. They exclaimed, "Nay, nay!" "It's only art when they make you pay!"

—Washington Star.

The Vancouver Province tells of the experience of a local tenor who undertook to sing Loveman's "Flower Bell" at a recent concert in that city. When he opened up it was raining gently but he proceeded:

It is not raining rain to me,
It's raining daffodils,
In every dimpled drop I see
Wild flowers on the hills.

The clouds of grey engulf the day
And overwhelm the town,
It is not raining rain to me,
It's raining roses down.

By this time it was getting pretty warm, and some windows were opened; the sound of many waters rushed in. No stage rain ever came down like that. An inimitable November brand had been turned on. It banged on the roof and splashed against the windows, and fell from the eaves through in loud, dashing rivulets. Above the clamor of the clouds Mr. Hamilton's beautiful voice rose triumphantly.

It is not raining rain to me,
But fields of clover bloom,
Where every buccooning bee
Can find a bed and room.

A gentle wave of philosophy wrapped the audience as he finished.

A health unto the happy.
A fig for him who frets,
It is not raining rain to me
It's raining violets.

Afterwards a crowd of people waiting for a car at the corner of Granville street hummed it happily, with rain dripping from every umbrella rib.

This is cited as an illustration of the power of mind over matter.

The story is told that one night when Mr. B. S. Willard was appearing in "The Middleton" in London, England, nearly twenty years ago, one or two men in the gods were so overcome by the sorrows of Cyrus Blean, the old porter, in the scene in which he is depicted in great distress, that they actually took pennies from their pockets and threw them on the stage when the astonished man called out for money to buy fuel for his furnaces. But few players can get so wrapped up in a play as that, and few actors can evoke such interest.

On a recent Saturday afternoon, according to Toronto Saturday Night, Mr. Reeves Smith, who was playing the villain in "Van Allen's Wife" at the Princess Theatre, won a somewhat similar tribute. Of course, it is customary with the gallery to hiss all villains, but this is more custom than anything else, and does not signify very deep absorption in the play. There was a young lady present at

the theatre mentioned, however, to whom the whole drama was absolutely real. She sat in the front row of the first gallery leaning over the rail and completely absorbed in the action of the drama. For the many who did not see the piece, it is necessary to explain that the big scene is located in the rooms of the villain. He is trying to force a woman who has lived down her past to return to a life of degradation. He has her wound up pretty tight in his net, and laughs at her appeals and her efforts to escape his purpose. Mr. Reeves Smith, who is a most accomplished actor, played the role with a glittering callousness worthy of a better cause, and depicted the cold-blooded intentions of the man in his design as well as the most critical could conceive. For the girl in question it was obviously real, for suddenly a critical moment she struck the sudden railing of the gallery and exclaimed in low and intense tones which could be heard by all those around her: "My God, I'd kill him!"

The people around her broke into a laugh, and she woke up, blushed, and for the rest of the performance was a very quiet, unobtrusive young woman. But Miss Fanny Ward, the star, could have used some of the intensity she put into her unconscious speech, in her portrayal of the heroine.

The subscription list for Madame Molha's intended grand concert for Edmonton which Mr. Barford launched is now open for subscribers who wish to enter their names, at Harmony Hall, Mr. Geo. H. Suckling's Piano Warerooms on Rice street.

Mr. Barford found that his professional engagements would not allow him to give sufficient time to bring the concert party here.

London papers tell of an incident which is of special interest in view of the fact that the Saturday News has had reason several times of late to criticize the actions of members of Edmonton audiences. Mr. Joseph Holbrook was conducting a performance of his opera "Pierrot and Pierrette" at His Majesty's Theatre, when he was compelled to stop it, because the noise of the conversation was so loud and insistent. He then appealed to the "house" to listen silently. "Before the performance began," he said, in an interview, "there was the usual buzz of conversation all over the house. When the orchestra began the play the talking grew louder and stronger. Some well-dressed ladies in the front rows of the stalls, were particularly loud in their talking. People in other parts of the house cried 'Hush!' and members of the orchestra made whispered appeals for silence. But the talkers ignored all appeals and after we had played for a minute or two with this fearful row going on behind me, I tapped my baton on the music stand and stopped the orchestra." But even this protest which could not be mistaken by anyone in the house, was unheeded. So Mr. Holbrook took a book out of his pocket and started reading. The people who wanted to hear the opera cried "hush!" but the conversation kept on. The conductor, after reading for four or five minutes, thought that the talking would cease, and facing the audience, he said: "Will you kindly leave off talking?" The reply was, "Get along with your music." The conversation in the stalls, where the "best" people are supposed to be, particularly annoyed Mr. Holbrook. He could hear every word they said, and it was all about "shopping." When the next performance of Mr. Holbrook's opera is given, the programmes will contain an appeal to the audience to maintain silence. This incident has called forth general comment on the intolerable nuisance of people who go to musicals merely to be seen and indulge in frivolous chatter, and there is a consensus of opinion among all musical people of the necessity to stop it.

The following item from the New York Sun of recent date will arouse not a little interest among lovers of the drama:

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Ethel Barrymore, now Mrs. Russell Griswold Colt, and a fine baby boy, who was born on Sunday night, were both reported to be doing admirably last night. The boy was born in the house owned by August Belmont, at 46 East Thirty-fourth street, which two months ago was leased by Mr. Colt.

John and Lionel Barrymore were both at their sister's home when their nephew arrived. John Drew, a great-uncle, called at the house yesterday.

Miss Barrymore, it is said, will next appear on the stage in February in "Mid-Chanel," the appearance of which, scheduled for this fall, was postponed because of the expected arrival.

Miss Barrymore was married on March 15 to Mr. Colt, who is a son of Samuel Pomeroy Colt.

NEXT WEEK AT THE EMPIRE

Next week's bill at the Empire, Edmonton, promises big things.

The bill is headed by the Six Coronals, acrobatic marvels. This family of acrobats are known wherever advanced vaudeville is shown from coast to coast, and have the most thrilling act of its kind in vaudeville. The four men and the two women composing the troupe seem to have no regard for their bodies, but allow themselves to be thrown about the stage with reckless abandon.

Toront and Flor D'Aliza and their wonderful troupe of educated roosters is an act of almost equal importance. This act has the personal guarantee of Mr. Panagos and Mr. Kyle, as they have both seen it and declare it a real novelty.

The following is the Seattle criticism of the act of Harland and Rollison: "Harland and Rollison live up to their advance notices, which told of their reputation in many European countries, and make one of the most sensational hits made at the Star in many months. They are instrumental musicians and comedians, but the act is far removed from the musical comedy turn of the minstrel stage.

Pankey and Cook, colored singers and dancers, will be seen in an act full of eccentricities and good comedy. Introducing many new songs, in a style all their own, they are sure to become favorites before the week is out.

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From the Catholic Standard and Times

Though I'm a sensible young man

And not unduly vain,
From them that call me "Hand-some Dan"

You'll know I'm not so plain;
Yet I'll not come into my own
Until I've seen the end,
Of one Cornelius Malone,
Who was my father's friend

"Oho!" remarks the ancient one,
"So you're old Peter Dooley's son!"

Mayhap you are a likely lad,
But troth, you'll never be
The man your father was. Bedad!"

He says, says he.

The store had but a middling trade

When left me by my pop,
But now it's growing, and I've made

Additions to the shop.
Yet each progressive step I've shown

I now must needs defend,
Against the tongue of old Malone
Who was my father's friend.

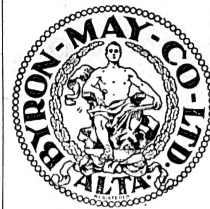
"So thrade is purty good wid you?
"Ah, well," says he, "I hope it's thrue."

I pray it still may grow an' thrive,
But, faix, 'twill never be
Like whin your father was alive,
Bedad!" says he.

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